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### REGULAR MEETING - September 25, 2019 OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Members of the Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners met at :

**September 25, 2019, at 12:00 noon**

**Moonshot at NACET**

**Excellerator Building Main Conference Room**

**2225 N Gemini Rd,**

**Flagstaff, AZ 86001**

**Board Staff:** David Geriminsky - Executive Director,

**Attorney General Representative:** Frankie Shinn-Eckberg, Assistant Attorney General

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairperson Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m.

#### 2. RECOGNITION OF BOARD MEMBERS

##### Board Members Present:

Jamie Fitzgerald, Chairperson

Mario Fontes, Secretary

Mindy Hayden

Susan Williams

Tali Lehavi

Rosemary Zimmerman

##### Board Members Absent:

Matthew Klein

Scott Selin

#### 3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – A.R.S. §38-503

No conflicts noted

#### 4. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A. July 24, 2019 Regular Session Minutes

Board Member Zimmerman moved for the adoption of the April 24, 2019 Regular Board Meeting minutes with Board Member Lehavi providing a second. The Motion Passed.

Fitzgerald	Fontes	Williams	Lehavi	Hayden	Zimmerman	Klein	Selin	Vote
X	X	X	X	X	X			Aye
								Nay
								Recused
								Abstained
						X	X	Absent

B. September 03, 2019 Regular Session Minutes

Board Member Fontes moved for the adoption of the April 24, 2019 Regular Board Meeting minutes with Board Member Williams providing a second. The Motion Passed.

Fitzgerald	Fontes	Williams	Lehavi	Hayden	Zimmerman	Klein	Selin	Vote
X	X	X	X	X	X			Aye
								Nay
								Recused
								Abstained
						X	X	Absent

**5. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE**

- A. Debra Lapiers
- B. Ioannis Solos
- C. Mary Ellen Valahos
- D. Molly Howe
- E. Robert Benhuri
- F. Bryan Freiberg

Executive Director Geriminsky provided a summary of license eligibility for Applicants A-K indicating that all applicants have submitted all required documentation and had no derogatory or otherwise disqualifying information and had been issued licensure pursuant to the Boards delegation.

Board Member Fontes moved to grant licensure to Applicants A & D-F with Board Member Hayden providing a second. The Motion Passed.

Fitzgerald	Fontes	Williams	Lehavi	Hayden	Zimmerman	Klein	Selin	Vote
X	X	X	X	X	X			Aye
								Nay
								Recused
								Abstained
						X	X	Absent

The Board discussed Applicant Solos’ education and experience and found that it exceeded the requirements for licensure. Board Member Williams moved to grant licensure to Ioannis Solos with Board Member Fontes providing a second. The Motion Passed.

Fitzgerald	Fontes	Williams	Lehavi	Hayden	Zimmerman	Klein	Selin	Vote
X	X	X	X	X	X			Aye
								Nay
								Recused
								Abstained
						X	X	Absent

**6. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICATIONS FOR AURICULAR ACUPUNCTURE CERTIFICATION**

A. Miguel Chinchillas

Executive Director Geriminsky provided a summary of license eligibility for Applicant Chinchillas indicating that he submitted all required documentation and had no derogatory or otherwise disqualifying information in his background.

Board Member Fontes moved to grant Certification to Applicant Lehavi with Board Member Zimmerman providing a second. The Motion Passed.

Fitzgerald	Fontes	Williams	Lehavi	Hayden	Zimmerman	Klein	Selin	Vote
X	X	X	X	X	X			Aye
								Nay
								Recused
								Abstained
						X	X	Absent

**7. CONSENT AGENDA FOR REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE BOARD ON RATIFICATION OF RENEWAL OF LICENSES/CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO INDIVIDUALS WHO MET REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL**

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Khailitha R Fae       | Wendy M Becker        | Christine Ramirez   |
| Carleen Marie Cotter  | Quanzhi Liu           | Raymond K Yau       |
| Theresa M Emrie       | Jacquelyn Jamie Crema | Andrew Wen          |
| David E Murdoch       | Yongwen Zang          | David J Krizmanik   |
| Leslie McGee          | Damon A Sage          | Michele I Smith     |
| Mary E Maurer         | Luzivone Damaceno     | James J Burnis      |
| Tani J Simpson        | Kathleen M Burke      | Michelle C Thomas   |
| Maharlika S Robertson | Amy E Wheeler         | Susan L Shelton     |
| Patrick P Patten      | Miriam S Benson       | Jennifer L Roseman  |
| Zita A McCoig         | Donald D Lightner     | Richelle T Speilman |
| Jonathan K Whitehorn  | Emma E Lizarazu       | Yinan Wang          |
| Deborah L Malone      | Jennifer J Brittenham | Scott C Anderson    |
| Marcelle R Hanish     | Christine R Oagley    | Matthew C Woolsey   |
| Jung Shik Choi        | Martin D Werner       | Amey S Aubry        |
| Jessica B Jordan      | Nancy A Brem          | Holly N Baker       |
| Barbara L Laughlin    | Susannah P Hsu        | Hop N Le            |
| Cathlena M Guadagnino | Kelly Hsu MD,         | Alexander K Tan     |
| Miriam D Weber        | Sara Asadoorian       | Leslie A Romero     |
| Cinamon Kimbrough     | Jong Geun Han         | Nancy T Barton      |
| Emilie C Wilson       | Douglas H Kim         | Betty Xiao Kui Wang |
| Leonard B Goldstein   | Talena W DeBaun       | Julie S Armstrong   |
| Melanie A Kuehn       | Kathy L Fisher        | Jennifer Providence |
| Dao Huynh             | Ronald B Fishkind     | Douglas H Johnson   |
| Suzanne Gaynor        | Leslie Gray           | Audra Sexton        |

Raymond R Botte	Beverly Jean Clarke	Jean E Rose
Tony L Kwan	Paul R Kerzner	Marie A Yahner
Joyce C Kawalchuk	Kristi K Harter	Debra S Manning
Darin C Zimmerman	Nathan A Anderson	Ava M Amescua
Stuart Rodes	Gary H Talkington	Gregory Kay
Akilah Vogt	Mona Y Darwich	Brenna Lynn Gonzales
Dana M Poverman	Babak M Nayeri	Sue Y Tham
Paula Farquharson	Liana Joy Condello	

The Executive Director provided an overview of Licenses and Certificates renewed stating each had been reviewed, found eligible, and license was renewed pursuant to the Boards authorization.

Board Member Fontes moved to ratify and approve all applicants for license renewal listed above with Board Member Williams providing a second. The Motion Passed.

Fitzgerald	Fontes	Williams	Lehavi	Hayden	Zimmerman	Klein	Selin	Vote
X	X	X	X	X	X			Aye
								Nay
								Recused
								Abstained
						X	X	Absent

**8. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE APPROVAL**

A. Acupuncture for lower back pain

The Board discussed the application for approval and found that the requirements had been met. Board Member Williams moved to approve the application for 4 CEUs with Board Member Zimmerman providing a second. The Motion Passed.

Fitzgerald	Fontes	Williams	Lehavi	Hayden	Zimmerman	Klein	Selin	Vote
X	X	X	X	X	X			Aye
								Nay
								Recused
								Abstained
						X	X	Absent

**9. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPLICATIONS FOR CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROGRAM APPROVAL**

B. Backyard Healthcare Project

The Board reviewed the application for approval and found that it met the requirements of the Substantive Policy Statement. After further discussion Board Member Zimmerman, moved to approve Backyard

Healthcare Project as a Chemical Dependency Program with Board Member Hayden providing a Second. Board Member Williams recused herself. The Motion Passed.

Fitzgerald	Fontes	Williams	Lehavi	Hayden	Zimmerman	Klein	Selin	Vote
X	X		X	X	X			Aye
								Nay
		X						Recused
								Abstained
						X	X	Absent

**10. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING POTENTIAL STATUTORY CHANGES**

Executive Director Geriminsky provided an overview of the proposed changes to Statute going over each item. The Board asked several comments and clarifying questions and received comment from the Public.

Board Member Zimmerman moved to approve these changes and direct the Executive Director to seek legislation with Board Member Williams Seconding. The Motion Passed.

Fitzgerald	Fontes	Williams	Lehavi	Hayden	Zimmerman	Klein	Selin	Vote
X	X	X	X	X	X			Aye
								Nay
								Recused
								Abstained
						X	X	Absent

**11. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RECENT LEGISLATION AFFECTING THE BOARD**

The Executive Director provided a general overview of legislation from the last session that affected the Board. The Board received comment from the Public and provided clarification as to administering these new laws.

Board Member Fontes moved to assess the \$150.00 application fee for temporary licensure. Board Member Zimmerman seconded. The Motion Passed.

Fitzgerald	Fontes	Williams	Lehavi	Hayden	Zimmerman	Klein	Selin	Vote
X	X	X	X	X	X			Aye
								Nay
								Recused
								Abstained
						X	X	Absent

The Board reviewed that they had already authorized the Executive Director to approve application for initial licensure and certification as well as renewal of licensure and certification. Board Member Zimmerman moved to authorize the Executive Director to approve Temporary Licenses as well with Board Member Hayden providing a second. The Motion Passed.

Fitzgerald	Fontes	Williams	Lehavi	Hayden	Zimmerman	Klein	Selin	Vote
X	X	X	X	X	X			Aye
								Nay
								Recused
								Abstained
						X	X	Absent

**12. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

- A. Budget
- B. Summary of Current Events
- C. Survey Results
- D. Complaints Status
- E. Board Office Highlights
- F. Travel Policy

Executive Director Geriminsky provided the Board an update on pending complaints, recent legislation and generally on the above items. The Board discussed the new Universal Recognition licensing path and temporary licensure along with the changes needed to carry out new legislation.

The Executive Director provided an overview of updates and activity at the Board Office including new forms for License Verification, Universal Recognition, CEU Course Approval, Temporary Licensure, Visiting Professor Certification, Contact Information Update, and Public information requests.

The Director also provided an overview of a proposed Travel reimbursement and compensation policy. The Board discussed the policy and Board Member Zimmerman moved to approve the policy with Board Member Hanyden providing a second. The Motion Passed.

Fitzgerald	Fontes	Williams	Lehavi	Hayden	Zimmerman	Klein	Selin	Vote
X	X	X	X	X	X			Aye
								Nay
								Recused
								Abstained
						X	X	Absent

**13. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FUTURE REGULAR MEETING DATES**

October 23, 2019 - Tucson  
 November 27, 2019

Director Geriminsky indicated that the November meeting had been cancelled and rescheduled for December 04, 2019. The Board took no action

**14. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

The Board received comment from Patricia Clark, Stephani Sarnoski and Alex Tan.

Ms. Clark expressed “complete support” for the addition of Trauma for Auricular Acupuncturists and indicated that she would like Physicians to be able to supervise Auricular Acupuncturists as well.

Stephani Sarnoski indicated support for including Trauma for Auricular Acupuncturists and eliminating the requirement for Chemical Dependency Programs. She asked questions about providing services in an emergency and that the NADA AZ Advocacy Committee would like temporary licensure to apply to certificate holders as well.

Alex Tan discussed Board Apointments

**15. DISCUSSION OF ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON A FUTURE MEETING AGENDA**

No other items were requested for future meetings

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

Board Member Zimmerman moved for adjournment and Board Member Hayden provided a second. The Motion passed. The Board adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Fitzgerald	Fontes	Williams	Lehavi	Hayden	Zimmerman	Klein	Selin	Vote
X	X	X	X	X	X			Aye
								Nay
								Recused
								Abstained
						X	X	Absent